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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

R. Taneja et al. Sheikh, Humera N. Examiner: Serial No.: 10/036,129 Group Art Unit No.: 1615 Filing Date: December 26, 2001

For:

Pharmaceutical Compositions of a Non-Enteric Coated Proton Pump Inhibitor with a Carbonate Salt and Bicarbonate Salt Combination

Confirmation No.:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in connection with the Office Action mailed on August 24, 2007 in the above-identified application. Applicant also herewith Petitions for a 3-month extension of time thus extending the date of response to February 24, 2008. If any fees are required as a result of the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 04-2223.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

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